

# Philadelphia Area Number Theory Seminar

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## Moments of cubic $L$ -functions over function fields

**Abstract:** I will talk about some recent work with Chantal David and Matilde Lalin about the mean value of  $L$ -functions associated to cubic characters over  $\mathbb{F}_q[t]$  when  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . I will explain how to obtain an asymptotic formula which relies on obtaining cancellation in averages of cubic Gauss sums over function fields. I will also talk about the corresponding non-Kummer case when  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and I will explain why this setting is somewhat easier to handle than the Kummer case when  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , which allows us to prove some better results.

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2:40 – 4:00 PM

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Tea and refreshments at 2:20PM in Park 361